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**Subject:** FW: IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED: Administrative Record for Gold King Mine  
Emergency Removal Action

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**From:** Card, Joan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:15 AM  
**To:** Peterson, Cynthia; R8 GKM Working Group  
**Cc:** Sisk, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED: Administrative Record for Gold King Mine  
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I just spoke with Suzanne and she is working with her team on a process for review and approval of the AR.

**From:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:38 AM  
**To:** R8 GKM Working Group  
**Cc:** Sisk, Richard  
**Subject:** IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED: Administrative Record for Gold King Mine  
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**Importance:** High

Hello, All.

Richard Sisk is in the process of putting together the Administrative Record for the Gold King Mine Emergency Removal Action. The NCP requires that we make the administrative record available to the public and issue a notice of availability in a major local newspaper within 60 days of the start of on-site removal activities. **To meet the deadline, a public notice will probably have to be published this week.** I have attached a draft for your review.

Normally, we would establish a local information repository in the nearest community and notice the availability of the AR in the local newspaper. However, in this case, there are a number of communities, states and Tribes that may have an interest in accessing the information in the AR files.

Our suggestion is to establish the information repository and place a physical copy of the AR (in the form of a CD) in the Silverton Library. (This is also the location of the Red and Bonita information repository.) After discussing our options, Richard and I agree that we should only have one information repository. Our concern is the difficulty of maintaining and keeping current multiple IRs in different locations.

In addition to the information repository, AR file documents can be requested from the R8 Records Center. That doesn't give folks immediate access to information, so we would like to post all the AR file documents on the Gold King Mine webpage. This will require the support of, and coordination with, those that are managing the Website. At this time, we don't know how many documents would need to be posted, but the number might be fairly large. **This will have to be done before we notice the availability of documents in the public notice.**

Finally, we plan to publish the notice in the Silverton Standard, and the Durango Herald. I will research whether the Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribes have newspapers, as well. We think we will need to coordinate with R6 and R9 for publishing notices in the Navajo Nation newspaper, a Farmington newspaper and perhaps a newspaper in Utah.

**We need some guidance to move forward:**

- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ We assume this is an action that will be taken under the Incident Command structure. Is that correct?
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Do you agree that establishing and maintaining one information repository is appropriate? If so, is the Silverton Library the appropriate location?
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ In addition to having the AR file documents available upon request from the Records Center, do you agree that we should post AR file documents on the Gold King website for easy access by those not living near Silverton?
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Do you agree that we should notice the availability of the AR files broadly in coordination with R6 and R9?

We welcome any other suggestions your might have for managing the AR files and the public notice.

Since time is of the essence, **please respond by 3:00 pm this afternoon.**

Thanks!

Cynthia

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